- Replace life expired and worn out switches as and when they become life expired.

- Replace all strowger MAX-III exchanges by electronic exchanges.

- Replace all line finder (L/F) type MAX-II exchanges by electronic exchanges.

This implies replacement of 180 MAX III exchanges and 69 MAX-II L/F type exchanges during the 8th Plan by electronic exchanges.

(b) Replacement of around 40 MAX -III exchanges and 10 MAX-II L/F type exchanges has been proposed during 1992-93 subject to timely availability of resources.

[*Translation*]

HP TV Transmitters in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab

7133. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a scheme to set up high powered TV transmitters at Barmer, Jaisalmer, Anupgarh in Rajasthan, Fazilka in Punjab and Kutch in Gujarat;

(b) if so, by when these transmistters will start functioning; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Whereas projects relating to establishment of high power TV transmitters at Barmer & Jaisalmer in Rajasthan, Bhuj in Kutch region of Gujarat and Fezilka in Punjab are at various stages of implementation, a high power TV transmitter is also envisaged to be set up at Anupgarh in Rajasthan. As per present indications, the high power TV transmitters at Jaisalmer and Fezilka are expected to be commissioned during 1993-94 and 1995-96 respectively and at Barmer and Bhuj in 1994-95.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Late Delivery of Telegram in Kerala

7134. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the telegram messages are reaching late in Kerala region; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, while most of the telegrams are delivered in time, the Governemnt is aware of delays occuring in some cases due to manual handling at transit stations.

(b) In order to further improve the telegraph services, a modernisation plan is already under implementation. The plan envisages induction of Store & Forward Message Switching Systems to eliminate transit delays, better terminal equipment's like Electronic Teleprinters, PC based Formatted Terminals, Electronic Key-Boards/Concentrators etc.

For Kerala State, two Store & Forward Telegraph Systems (SFT-141) have already been provided at Ernakulam. Besides, 8 Terminals from Message Switching Sys-

terms at Secunderabad and Madras have also been made available.

Plan also include provision of three more Message Switching Systems, one each at Ernakulam, Trivandrum and Calicut, 165 Electronic Key-Boards, 18 number of Electronic Key Board Concentrators and 48 number of Formatted Terminals during the next two years i.e. 1992 to 1994.

[*Translations*]

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Delhi

7135. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH:Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of electronic telephone exchanges installed in Delhi during 1991;

(b) the number of telephone connections released as a result thereof

(c) the number of new electronic exchanges proposed to be installed in 1992 and the number of persons likely to be provided telephone connections therefrom; and

(d) the number of persons who are in the waiting list for telephone connections,

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Nine new electronic telephone exchanges have been installed in Delhi during 1991. Of these, one is a main exchange and the other eight are RLUs (Remote Lien Units).

(b) The total number of telephone connections released during 1991 is 77964.

(c) It is planned to add 11 new digital electronic exchanges (4 Main exchanges and 7 Remote Line Units) during 1992. Besides, the existing network will also be expanded, so as to provide about 70,000 new telephone connections.

(d) The total waiting list for Delhi as on 1.4.92 is 3,17,143.

Shortage of Coal in Power Plants of Delhi

7136. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the news-item regarding shortage of Coal for power generation in Delhi appeared in Navbharat Times, dated March 26,1992;

(b) if so, the alternative arrangement made to meet the power crisis; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). With a view to meet the situation arising out of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha agitation in March, 1992, additional coal supplies from the Northern Coal Fields Ltd., Singrauli were planned for the Thermal Power Stations in Delhi. The coal supplies to the thermal power stations in Delhi during March, 1992 was 97% of their linkage and no power crisis was faced during the period.

[*English*]

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7137. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will